



SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER ADDITIONS **PROJECT ADVISORY TEAM MEETING #2**

Wednesday, November 13, 7:00-8:55 p.m.

Southwest Community Center

MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

PAT Members Present:

Ron Angeles	Steven Fischer
Jose Brown	Thomas Hiatt
Bruce Bentley, Sr.	Isaiah Johnson
Dominic Buchanan	Jayne McIntyre
Leticia Clausen	Albert Smith

PAT Members Absent:

Susan Harmon
Naseri Kitiona, Jr.

Others Present:

Cavin Cross, SWCC Teen Council
Carrie Fulton, SWCC Teen Coordinator
Katie Gray, SW Parks Manager
Diane Jones, SWCC Aquatic Center Coordinator
Toby Ressler, Parks Project Manager
Cathy Tuttle, Parks Planner

Meeting Facilitator: Cathy Tuttle

Previous Meeting Notes: Approved

Design Schedule: Start of design: 1st Quarter 2003
Construction start Summer 2004

Welcome: Cathy Tuttle opened the meeting. PAT members and visitors introduced themselves. New PAT member Leticia Clausen was introduced. The PAT sign-in sheet was circulated and the agenda was verified.

Visitor Comments:

Cavin Cross spoke about the difficulty for teens to complete homework assignments, write resumes, use the internet, and search for employment using existing school and community computing resources. Cavin also reflected on the need for teens to have a dedicated space of their own at SWCC.

Carrie Fulton described the existing structure of teen programming at SWCC.

Diane Jones explained the pool staff's preferred location of the ADA family changing room close to the pool on the pool deck, under the bleachers, and accessible to men and women.

Consultant Selected: Toby described the consultant selection process. Twenty consultants submitted proposals. Members of the PAT and Parks staff reviewed proposals and selected three consultants for interviews. The firm of

Weinstein Copeland was selected as the prime consultant for this project.

Design Program:

Cathy Tuttle described the purpose of a design program as directing the consultant's construction plans.

1. **Land use.** Toby Ressler reported that negotiations with Schools are continuing. Isaiah Johnson said that Schools are especially aware of funding implications in all decisions that they currently are making.
2. **Fire sprinkler system.** Toby Ressler said the fire sprinkler system needed to be upgraded for DSHS certification and would impact the entire community center.
3. **Play area.** The committee discussed how the proposed site of the gym will force the relocation of the play area. Bruce Bentley remembered that the play area was designed and installed with later relocation in mind.
4. **Pottery Area.** Jayne McIntyre reported the SWCC Advisory Council is studying the cost-benefits of a pottery area and whether it could be reprogrammed to allow construction of a larger Teen Center. Katie Gray asked the group to consider a smaller pottery area.
5. **Pool ADA family changing room.** The PAT reviewed options for its location.
6. **Computer room.** Katie Gray cautioned the group that future funding for computer lab maintenance and programming is not a Parks priority at this time. PAT members considered whether fewer computer stations might meet the community's needs. Ron Angeles asked whether existing facilities in other community organizations met community computer needs and how SWCC could partner with neighboring schools. Isaiah Johnson said computing facilities at Denny Middle School cannot serve existing community needs. Leticia Clausen asked the PAT to consider the purpose of community computer access and reported on her success in community ESL and citizenship programs. The PAT discussed the possibility of using South Seattle Community College students to maintain machines and teach computer skills as is done currently at Delridge Community Center.

Teen Life Center:

Cathy Tuttle described the proposed Teen Center at SWCC using the Garfield Teen Life Center as a model of how a Teen Center could be structured. Cathy asked the PAT for feedback on issues of who the proposed Teen Center will serve and how it will serve these teens in order to get direction on the proposed design program for the Teen Center. Cathy suggested the Teen Center might consider partnering with other southwest agencies for after-school community programming. Ron Angeles said to make sure to put windows in the Teen Center. Jose Brown reported that the large numbers of teens from Denny and Sealth Schools came every day after school. Jose spoke of the difficulty of managing teens simultaneously in the Shack and the main community center building. The PAT agreed that the multipurpose activity room should increase in size and be soundproofed, and the quiet room could also increase in size. The reception area might be smaller if more space is needed for other Teen Center rooms. The PAT felt the Teen Center

should be able to accommodate teens of all ages and cultural backgrounds. The PAT felt that community access computers should be available in the Teen Center.

Upcoming Schedule: PAT members reviewed the draft timeline and questioned whether SWCC would need to close during construction. Katie Gray indicated the center would likely close and staff relocated during construction in the interest of lowering construction costs.
First community-wide meeting late January 2003.

Handouts: SWCC additions draft timeline
List of PAT members
Draft Design Program November 2002
Teen Life Center Overview

Next Meeting: Mid-January 2003 7:00-9:00 P.M. Date to be determined.

Minutes Recorded By: Cathy Tuttle

Additional Information is Available:

- SWCC web site: http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/parks/Centers/current/Southwest_Community_Center.htm
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